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REGION 6 COULD MAKE THE YEAR OF 1969 THE "YEAR OF THE FIRST 1000"

As reported in the August Newsletter, 1968 has been a good year for Region 6. Now, with this issue of the Newsletter membership has exceeded our goal of 600 and we can point with pride to a roster of 623 names! If Junior gardeners holding AHS youth memberships were included in this total the count would approach 650.

These 623 names represent 583 gardens plus about 20 Family Membership (2 people) gardens. Were these 583 gardens to become Family Membership gardens the Region could easily, reach a total of 1000 or more people actively participating in AHS and Regional affairs.

We have been reminded in recent months that rising costs may necessitate an increase in National dues unless an appreciable increase in revenue is made. More Family Memberships in Region 6 may not prevent higher National dues, but certainly they may delay the time when they are necessary. So when you send Mrs. Wheeler your dues for 1969 please include an extra \$2.50 for a member of your family. Your husband or wife, son or daughter, will appreciate this gesture of thoughtfulness, too.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we announce Mrs. Loree Meagher (pronounced "mayor") of Dallas has "volunteered" to head up a young people's program for the Region. Hopefully the program will be ready to be put into operation with the beginning of the New Year. We are indebted to Miss Florence Peake of Dallas for the first contribution to help with the costs of financing the program.

We would, of course, hope to see more Hemerocallis Societies in operation, especially in New Mexico where interest seems to be on the upgrade.

There is a crying need for a Test Garden in the Region. Because of the vastness of the area, growers in its far out places who try their hands at hybridizing have little or no opportunity, other than by guesting their seedlings at the Regional Meetings, to have their good creations seen and evaluated by the Awards and Honors Judges.

The limited time available for viewing gardens on tours or pilgrimages is frustrating to a dedicated Awards and Honors Judge, but in the peaceful environment of a Test Garden a Judge can perform their duty in a leisurely manner and those using the facility for displaying their seedlings would be assured their plants would be seen and properly evaluated by competent people. Then, too, such a garden would encourage more daylily growers to participate in the fascinating project of daubing pollen and should be a good method of gaining nationwide recognition for the many wonderful Hemerocallis being hybridized here in the Southwest.

A discerning gardener is usually aware that judicious annual upgrading of their planting is certain to attract garden visitors. Growers in Region 6 are fortunate in that planting may be done all year long. We have ordered plants in mid-Winter which performed splendidly for us in June. As a matter of fact, cultivars planted during the cooler months seem to do better and suffer fewer casualties than when planted in mid-Summer heat. One doesn't need be on good terms with a friendly banker or have a rich uncle to add a bright spot to their garden now and then.

## FRESH FROM THE GARDEN

Ruby and I toured gardens all Summer from Lake Jackson to St. Louis and points in between, but found there was plenty of action right here in the Brazosport area.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Mann, Wharton, have some very pretty seedlings. The garden is laid out so that everything is easy to see. If you are ever in Wharton don't pass up the Mann garden.

The garden of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Early, Wharton, has all the later named Hems plus an interesting seedling patch. Raymond grows his Hems in dappled shade made possible by a covering of lattice work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rupe, Bay City: If you were at the Regional Meeting in Lufkin you saw an example of what the Rupes can do with daylilies. They entered a scape of Mrs. Walker's INK SPOT and won a blue ribbon and a rosette.

Mrs. T. A. Walker, also of Bay City, has grown and hybridized daylilies for several years and is responsible for many of the more beautiful Hems seen in this area. LITTLE RED THIMBLE, HANDSOME LAD, and INK SPOT, which we just mentioned are prime examples.

Mrs. J. Creel Brockman, West Columbia, is known throughout our area for her fine creations. She has a beautiful garden, well landscaped.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hyer, Sweeny, seem to have that magic touch which makes their daylilies grow in a fabulous manner, as witnessed by the many honors their entries have received at the shows held in connection with the Region's last two Meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ramey, Lake Jackson, have an especially nice garden, liberally planted with interesting late introductions. John is working to produce a white daylily and one of his near-whites merits considerable interest.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. LaGasse, Lake Jackson, in addition to a good collection of named cultivars, have come up with some very good seedlings, among them a pink of considerable merit from a cross of LOUISE SIMON x TWENTY THIRD PSALM.

Over at Freeport, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. (Si) Smith have been working with tetraploids for the past few years with encouraging results. It was one of Si's seedlings which won the Annie T. Giles trophy at the 1967 Regional Meeting. - Forrest Hall, Lake Jackson.

Editor's Note: Ruby and Forrest have one of the loveliest gardens in Lake Jackson and rumor has reached us that Forrest has come up with some really outstanding reds.

OUR WEATHER has been very disappointing for Fall garden work - temperature goes above 90 degrees each day and the humidity is so high you are defeated before you have been outside an hour. I will provide comments on things growing in the Tour Gardens for the next Newsletter. - Marion Turner, Houston

THERE ARE at least five daylily gardens in town and two out of the city limits that would rival any garden in Texas, I think. We are so busy now, setting out new and old daylilies and transplanting seedlings that we can hardly think. I have set out over 200, some new, some old, and I still have seedlings to transplant. Thank you so much for your visit to us. I think it has given us quite a boost. - Mrs. Vernon Hill, Nacogdoches

WE ARE SORRY to report there isn't much daylily activity going on here on the High Plains. My yard this year was an almost complete flop and is even going into the Winter in poor condition due to a hail storm we had this past week (October 14th). During blooming season, temperatures went over a hundred and there was no moisture. Foliage and blooms were damaged to the extent that very few of the plants looked normal. Also, Amarillo has a new water supply from a lake on the Canadian River which is heavy in mineral content, including salt. My best performer this Summer was CARTWHEELS, as usual, with BITSY blooming almost as well.

The new garden center is open and we have been assigned an area to plant a daylily garden. The ground is ready but I feel that planting should be postponed until next Spring because we have already had some frost. We will need a donation of plants from many sources because there are none in Amarillo. Most of mine are not far enough along for division. - Phil Sanderson, Amarillo.

From Clyde, Texas. October 8. - I am having a pleasing amount of late rebloom: QUEEN OF GONZALES, COSETTE, LOUANA, MARTHA WASHINGTON, BARONET, WESLEY HILL, LOUISIANA QUEEN, CATHEDRAL TOWERS, LAUGHING CLOWN, WIDEYED, and have other good oldies that should but aren't,

and some new ones that I hope will when they become established.

Here's a little shutterbug trick we learned this Summer: When you want to make a close-up of a daylily and it's in the shade, cut a bloomed out scape that's about the same thickness as the scape of the subject. Anchor it well in something low and place it in a sunny spot against some daylily foliage. Cut the head off a pin, stick the cut off end into one of the little empty stemlets pointing in the direction you want your daylily to face. Then pinch off the bloom to be photographed and carefully push it on to the pointed end of the pin. If the weight of the flower makes it swing around, use a little Scotch tape.

This also enables one to pick the lighting such as cross-lighting or back-lighting. Some daylilies are pretty with other flowers. For instance, Shy made a photo of MARTHA WASHINGTON with big, white Shasta daisies. They're about the same size and MARTHA WASHINGTON looked so fresh and dainty! He also took photos of Old FRANS HALS with the old purple Phlox; MISS OZIE with blue Salvia; and DORFAY with dainty white Feverfew. - Mrs. Shy Osborn.

THE BRAZOSPORT Hemerocallis Society voted to buy 12 Handbooks to help the cause due to the fire and destruction of the AHS supply. New officers of the Society are: A. T. Mann, President; Mrs. C. E. Keener, 1st VP and Program Chairman; Mrs. S. D. Stratton, 2nd VP and Yearbook Chairman; E. E. LaGasse, Treasurer; Secretary not elected yet. - Mrs. Leatha Cooke, Lake Jackson

OUR HEMEROCALLIS Study Club is headquartered in Shreveport, and we are sponsoring the AHS Region 13 Meeting for the 1969 season, which means a lot of work for me, as I am the incoming 1969 club President. I only wish we could build up a strong and active Hem club here in East Texas. - David Flesh, Jefferson

WE ARE LOOKING forward to the Meeting in Houston next year. We want to make an early reservation. The Central Texas Hemerocallis Society held its first Fall meeting yesterday (September 25) with 22 members present. Mr. Q. Perry Potts gave a report on both the National Convention and the Regional Meeting. Miss Edna Lankart showed slides of gardens in Louisiana and East Texas along with slides of individual blooms. It was a very fine meeting. My LIME PAINTED LADY bloomed all Summer. It was beautiful. - Mrs. Elta G. Reichert, Waco

#### FERTILIZING DAYLILIES

For the past several years we have used a soil mix that has been most successful. Our soil is a clay type that is heavy, in need of humus and iron, so here is our formula that my husband and I worked out and found it to be very satisfactory:

5 Gallons Builder's Sand (coarse)	1 lb. Coffee Can of Bone Meal
5 Gallons Black Michigan Peat	1 lb. Coffee Can of Cottonseed Meal
1 lb. Coffee Can of Iron Sulphate	

The later is something that can be left off if your soil is not short of iron, but if you have yellow foliage anywhere in your garden it is a good sign that you need iron.

This mix is stirred well and then used at the rate of 1 gallon in the hole mixed with the soil to plant the Hems. This lasts several years and has proven well for us. - Agnes Sawyer, Oklahoma City, courtesy Region 11 Newsletter

Lucille Williamson's small-flowered seedling, tan with a very green cup, that was chosen for "Queen of The Show" at Lufkin, has been registered as GLAMOREENA.

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AS THE ROBIN FLIES

More and more interest is being expressed in the Region 6 Robin Program and a new group will soon be started with Mrs. Thelma Mimms, Rt. 2, Box 291, Kountze, Texas, 77625, as Leader. Anyone wishing to join this new Robin should get in touch with Mrs. Mimms or me - Lula Mae Purnell, Region 6 Robin Chairman

MRS. LARGENT REPORTS MANY GUEST PLANTS STILL UNCLAIMED

Growers who sent Guest Plants to Lufkin for the Regional Meeting and desire their return should advise Mrs. Truman Largent, Guest Plant Chairman for the 1968 Meeting, how and when to ship them. The plants will not be returned, she said, unless the exhibitor advises her as to their disposition.

Mrs. Largent wrote, "We all want to thank each and every one who helped us make the 1968 Regional Meeting so enjoyable and are anticipating seeing everyone who attended their Meeting at the 1969 Meeting in Houston."

EXCERPTS FROM CIRCLE 6 ROBIN - Mrs. Howard A. Cooke, Leader

Eunice Marshall, Silsbee: We have had almost continuous rains all Spring and Summer, quite a contrast to our drought of last year. My seedlings had lots of proliferations. I was overjoyed with my 1967 seedlings - several very good lavenders with green throats and some lovely - pinks, melons, golds, and large light yellows.

Leota Largent, Lufkin: I didn't get to make many crosses this year, with the Regional Meeting and all, but I did get some good crosses on my MAY HALL, and a purple seedling. I have already planted the seeds and have several plants up.

Hallie Mercer, San Antonio: This past Spring was ideal for daylilies. We had so much rain they really put on a show, with practically no help from me, for three solid months - April, May, and June. I planted one row of seeds in June and planted about a pint of seed this week. The Iris couldn't take all the rain. They got root rot, so I'm discarding hundreds of them. From here on out, daylilies and Amaryllis will be featured in my garden.

Loree Meagher, Dallas: Bill and Hallie, your slides were beautiful. I'm so happy with some of the new cultivars: TWENTY THIRD PSALM, LOVE THAT PINK, HEAVENLY HANDIWORK, STEP FORWARD, GUARDIAN ANGEL, HEAVENLY PROMISE, FIELD DAY, and I have ordered HEAVENLY HAVILAND and Edna Lankart's big blue red, which she has named FABULOUS FAVORITE.

Bill Ater, Austin: I prepared my seed bed and planted this year's crosses on August 25 and I thought the temperature was at least 120. I noticed today (September 4) that two little plants are peeping through. I learned some varieties just won't cross. I had one seedling that is a peach color and the only thing that would set seed was HAY HALL pollen. I have one new seedling that has fertile pollen, but won't set seed no matter whose pollen is used. Many days the plant doesn't even produce a pistil. I plant hibiscus in pots so I can take them into the house in Winter.

## COMING EVENTS

National Convention, Austin, Minnesota .....July 24, 25 and 26, 1969

Region 6 Meeting, Houston, Texas.....May 23 and 24, 1969

### PROGRAM FOR 1969 REGIONAL MEETING AT HOUSTON NEARS COMPLETION

Mrs. Ben Wheeler, chairman of the 1969 Regional Meeting has just this past week submitted the first draft of the Program for the Meeting. It's an exciting program and with possible last minute minor changes complete in most of its details.

It is probably too early to begin serious effort to assure a banner turnout for this gala event, but there has been so much interest expressed in the Meeting, and so many writing for information about the details that we shall attempt here to line out the answers to the more insistent questions.

The Meeting will be held Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24 in Houston, with Headquarters at the Holiday Inn, 3131 W. Loop (Richmond Ave. exit just North of its intersection with Highway 59). Room reservations and rates may be obtained from any Holiday Inn.

Registration Fee through March 1st is \$12.50, after March 1st, \$13.00. Mrs. Russell Turner is the Registration Chairman and checks should be sent to her at 7140 Appleton, Houston, Texas, 77022. The fee covers breakfast, luncheon, banquet, bus tours to the five Tour Gardens, refreshments in each of the gardens, and all other benefits usually enjoyed at these Meetings, excepting Judges Clinics where attendance is optional.

The first 50 to register will be eligible for the drawing of one of 10 newly registered daylilies. Later registrants will be eligible for drawing one of 40 other daylilies.

We shall bring more information in later Newsletters. Mrs. Wheeler writes that Guest Plants will still be accepted but should be sent immediately for good bloom in May. It may be later than you think. For answers to any other urgent questions, write or call Mrs. Wheeler, 10024 Shady Lane, Houston, 77016, telephone 713-695-3532.

### LOREE MEAGHER TO DIRECT REGION 6 YOUTH PROGRAM

Mrs. Neal (Loree) Meagher of Dallas, the Region's Director/Coordinator of Youth activities, is busily working on ways and means to interest boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, in the pleasures to be enjoyed by growing, hybridizing, exhibiting, and competing for prizes - healthful out-of-doors activities that may hold their attention for all their active lives.

The Program, when completed, while providing the Region with an interesting and practical method to build a reserve for future membership in our Society, should instill in our young people an appreciation of all the wondrous things of the Creation which so many take for granted.

Mrs. Meagher is peculiarly equipped both in experience and personality to head this most important effort and it is hoped she will receive the unreserved support of everyone interested in doing something for our young people.

The program should be a real challenge to the imagination and ingenuity of all our members, but it will no doubt be necessary to iron out a lot of wrinkles before it emerges into its most effective form. A progress report will be carried in the next Newsletter.

In the meantime, it would be helpful if those with children, or growers who may be acquainted with boys and girls of school age who are or might be induced to take an interest in our favorite flower - if these folk would write Mrs. Meagher. She will be grateful for any information or suggestion and most happy to answer any question that may be asked.

THIS IS, INDEED, A TIME OF CHANGE. There are those who can remember when a crook got hung instead of the jury, when the wonder drugs were castor oil and camphor, and when the government was criticized for giving away free seeds.

## DAYLILY SALE AND PLANS FOR CHARTERED BUS TO 1969 CONVENTION

The daylily sale the last weekend in September at the home of Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell was a complete success. The story of the bus trip to the St. Louis Convention and the announcement of the sale carried in The Lone Star Gardener was responsible for the attendance of a good number of garden club people, in addition to AHS members, who bought plants which it is hoped will lead to greater interest in growing better cultivars and create a desire to unite with our National Society.

Revenue from the sale, to date, amounts to \$223 which will be used for refreshments and other incidental expenses in connection with the bus trip being planned for the 1969 National Convention at Austin, Minnesota, July 24, 25 and 26.

Plans call for our bus to leave Dallas early the morning of July 21 with a stopover near St. Louis, continuing on to Chicago on the 22nd where gardens in that area will be toured that evening and continued the following day, before setting out on the final leg of the trip to the Convention.

The cost of round trip (fare only) will depend on the number of people making the bus trip: 40 people using a 46 passenger bus, fare will approximate \$45; 30 people using a 34 passenger bus, fare will approximate \$48 per person. Actual cost will be determined on a prorated basis to be paid prior to departure of the bus from Dallas. Those desirous of participating in this bus trip should file an application accompanied by a deposit of \$15 with Mrs. Purnell prior to January 15, 1969. The balance of the fare will be due and payable by July 1st.

Ken Miller will again be our bus driver. Many lovely plants have been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Miller by those who rode the bus to St. Louis and Miss Lankart selected a large collection from the sales plants to add to their planting. Ken and his wife, Ruby, were most appreciative for the plants and said they would like to thank everyone who had any part in making the gift possible.

Plants left over from the sale were given to the Kickapoo Garden Club to be used in landscaping the grounds of the Boys' Home at Hutchins.

As time goes on, let it be said, "Let our Texas Bus Trip become famous - for we are sure anything any other Region can do, Region 6 can do it better." - Lula Mae Purnell

AMONG LUCILLE WILLIAMSON'S "ponies", given that name because "they are not as big as a horse," is BUFFY, absolutely charming! It is a very low growing cream miniature with a halo that is a combination of burnt-orange and rose. It will stand out in any collection of the perky little ones.

LITTLE JAKE, a little love, medium yellow and should be a good bloomer, as there were several scapes to the plant although not many buds on each scape.

RASPBERRY RAPTURE describes its color, and the golden throat has an intriguing patterned halo of light and deep raspberry.

HOLLY SUE is a bright velvety red even in late afternoon. This seemed to be a favorite with many of the visitors. - Margaret Kane, San Antonio

DADDY TOM (Hughes Gardens) a tremendous yellow as grown in the Pettus Garden.

LOLABELLE (Lenington) low growing, small flowered chrome yellow, winner of the President's Cup at St. Louis. Excellent branching. High bud count.

KEWPIE DOLL (Lenington) small-flowered light yellow on the order of MYRA HINSON. It is indeed a little doll!

GLAMOREEN (Williamson's 105-65) 3 ½" flower with a very green throat, the tan colored segments are waved, creped, and ruffled. Maroon eye. 7 branches. High bud count. It was a crowd stopper at the Lufkin show where it was selected for "Queen of the Show."

INK SPOT (Walker) 3 ½" dark red flower on an 8 branched scape, one of our "must haves."

EDGAR BROWN (MacMillan) 6" light yellow with 2 ¼" petals and 1 9/16" sepals. It's on our want list when it's available. It is proving a valuable parent for light yellows and near whites. - Editor

## PILGRIMAGES DOMINANT FEATURE OF GULF COAST SOCIETY'S ANNUAL PROGRAM

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society's membership is made up of growers from Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange, Silsbee, Kountze, Jasper, Nederland, Baytown, Port Neches, Bridge City, Vidor, Groves, Newton, and Roganville.

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society had a busy year. Many gardens were visited. The first meeting of the year is always a covered dish supper the first Saturday in April and we must have some mighty good cooks in this group, as the attendance for this meeting is always close to eighty or ninety people. Slides are shown and everyone brags about their "babies" and discusses their horticultural problems.

May 2nd found us visiting the Beaumont gardens of E. A. Young, J. B. Bishop, C. A. Knight, and Grover C. Comstock. All are ardent hybridizers of daylilies and had lots of new things to show.

The garden of Mrs. Jerry Blackman of Port Arthur was beautiful this year. She had so many pretty seedlings which are outstanding. The John Dunks of Port Arthur specialize in pink daylilies and have some beauties of their own. They purchase all the newer pinks and cross them with their lines. The John Falgouts of Bridge City have an attractive garden with lots of unusual plantings of all kinds, including succulents, among their daylilies.

One of the highlights of our season this year was the tour of Mr. Edgar Brown's garden in Orange County. He has some of the most outstanding tetraploids, which are his seedlings, that we have seen anywhere, as well as worlds of diploids to "drool" over. We also visited the garden of Mrs. F. W. Whitmire in Orange and it is a good example of what wonderful things can be done by using daylilies in landscaping. She has so many beautiful companion plants with her daylilies, too.

On May 23rd we took a chartered bus tour to Miss Edna Spalding's in Iowa, LA, and to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. MacMillan's in Abbeville, LA. We were saddened to hear that Miss Edna was ill but her niece and nephew showed us the garden, as usual, we found some lovelies. I think Mr. Mac had the prettiest daylilies this year he has ever had. They were out of this world.

Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society had six members in attendance at the Region 6 Meeting in Lufkin and four went to the National Convention in St. Louis on the Gold Eagle bus from Dallas and reported a wonderful time. We have scheduled on our program for next year a chartered bus tour to Houston for the Region 6 Meeting. - Mrs. W. B. Fullen, Beaumont

No doubt the DEVIL sits and grins  
As pollen grains I scatter.  
May the Lord forgive my crossing sins,  
The OTHER kind don't matter!

David Flesh, Jefferson

## INTEREST CONTINUES HIGH IN ABILENE AREA

During the season just past the Big Country Hemerocallis Society held three regular meetings and one called meeting in addition to an exciting schedule of garden tours and pilgrimages.

On September 30, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Collie of Brownwood showed slides with tape recorder talk. Thirty-one were in attendance. Nine of our group are now AHS members.

Garden tours included visits to Clyde, Abilene, and Brownwood. Four of our number attended the Regional Meeting held in Lufkin, and we expect to really have a good delegation to the 1969 Meeting in Houston.

We've planted some of the newer cultivars in our gardens for next year's showing; personally I have put in around 70. We are going to use the AHS Journal as a basis for our upcoming programs along with slides, and continue our garden tours and pilgrimages. - Mrs. Clyde Daniel, Abilene

## QUALIFICATIONS OF A GOOD DAYLILY

It is often profitable to refresh ones memory of past experiences, and a discussion of a report made by Mr. D. R. McKeithan, Bartlesville, OK, to the AHS at the Washington, D. C. Convention and later printed in the July-August-September, 1959, Journal, may prove of some benefit - especially to those who have joined our Society since the report was issued. A careful study of the entire document ought to be made periodically by the serious grower.

The fact that FULL REWARD received the Stout Medal last year does not necessarily mean it is the best cultivar in commerce at the present moment. Since its introduction eight or nine years ago, numerous new and better things have emerged from our gardens.

It should be noted here, however, that a \$100 price tag on a new cultivar does not necessarily make it superior to an introduction of lesser cash outlay, but it certainly does make it more exclusive.

And because a daylily originates "over the fence" in Louisiana, Florida, or in the Ozarks we have reason to suspect it might resent the growing environment of, for instance, the Dallas area, as did GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, WHITE JADE. and SPARTACUS which head a long list of plants that either did not survive or did not perform well in our gardens.

While the names of Fay, Hall, Childs, and other knowledgeable hybridizers are magic words tossed about by Region 6 gardeners, the things they produce are not necessarily better than those of the Hughes Garden, Carl Sauer, Ury Winniford, Lucille Williamson, or other Region 6 growers.

Owners of large commercial operations probably will always bring out a lot of new things every year, some of which, if originating in a Texas garden would find their way to the compost pile, forthwith. But perhaps the big growers need to do this to stay in business. The discerning grower will not accept inferior cultivars. They spends their money for top-notch Hems, not a hybridizer's name!

Pictures can be deceptive, even Kodachromes and catalog descriptions cannot always be relied upon, and sometimes the judgment of the Awards & Honors Judges may be awry. Why did DREAM MIST, beautiful as it is, get an Award of Merit, when, at least in our garden it is top-branched, with a leggy scape so spineless it lays almost flat.

Unless one is lucky at bridge or is acquainted with a friendly banker, it would be the part of wisdom to wait for that new cultivar until some of the more venturesome local growers test it for adaptability to the area and its qualifications observed.

The popularity of our flower is all too often damaged by a "temperamental" daylily being bought by an inexperienced gardener - dying before ever having a bloom!

In the early days of our National Society much was said and written about the qualities to look for in a good daylily. Opinions were as varied as the authors. Thus the Society found it advisable to attempt to set a norm by which, not only the Awards and Honors Judges, but all growers of daylilies could better rate our flower. Hence the McKeithan report.

The first part of the Report describes the method used to determine what should be considered the basic qualities of a good daylily, and this is about how it went:

"Basic elements of a good daylily, in ordinary language, mean the certain qualities and characteristics most desired in the modern daylily as it is grown in gardens. Unfortunately, most of the published material is based on personal likes or dislikes and information of this kind is often misleading. All of us have certain specific things we desire in a daylily but we know that any widely accepted and valid criteria must be based on the combined evaluation of a large cross-section of qualified students. By using this approach it is felt that certain specific good qualities can be brought to light."

"For the first time," says the Report, "we have been able to utilize the ideas and opinions of a large group of experts in supplying the needed answers. Information was readily obtained from the forms which were used in making application for Awards and Honors judgeships. The Chairman of the Awards & Honors Committee screened the 247 applications and selected 52 with the most comprehensive and carefully prepared answers."

"It was found that this group had held Society membership for an average of 7 ½ years and had an average of 2 ½ attendances at National Conventions to their credit during the previous 5 years. Also, this group was currently growing an average of 345 named varieties. A record of this nature clearly indicates a high degree of competence and interest and as such their combined opinions should reasonably reflect expert thinking on the subject."

Mr. McKeithan found that a consensus of the opinions of these 52 most knowledgeable Hemerocallis judges were focused on the following basic conditions:

1. Blooms must have good substance and be fully resistant to heat, humidity, wind, and hot sun from

sunrise to dusk or later.

2. Scapes should be strong, erect and graceful with height bearing a direct relationship to bloom size. For profuse and effective display there should be at least 25 well-spaced buds per scape.
3. Color in the bloom should be bright and clear and have luster and sheen. Eye-pleasing shades or combination of shades and unusual colors should be strongly favored. Fading is not undesirable provided substance remains intact and the faded hues are equally pleasing.
4. Form and type of bloom must be distinctive and noticeably different from others on the market. Size, form or pattern should not be evaluated unless such characteristics are considered true distinguishing factors.
5. Plants must be hardy, disease resistant, fairly rapid increasers and have healthy green foliage. If known, adaptability to different soil and climate should be taken into account.
6. Season of bloom should cover a period of several weeks as a result of prolific bud production or by continuous and repeat bloom.

In addition to these 6 criteria, some of the 52 experts reporting "stated a preference for a specific size, form or color, such as big, wide segments, spiders, stars, yellows, pinks, green throats, etc." Some liked varieties that remain open during the early evening hours or open early if a night bloomer.

"Garden value, consistent performance, quick shedding and fragrance were mentioned several times. A preference for evergreen or dormant types was hardly mentioned."

Presently, applicants for an Awards & Honors judgeship are asked to point score 10 varieties growing in their garden, using the following scale of points:

<b>I - In General:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Health and hardiness, good foliage .....10%</li><li>2. Length of bloom season .....10%</li><li>3. Ability to grow and multiply .....5%</li><li>4. Relation between scape and plant mass .....5%</li></ol>	<b>II - The Flower:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Beauty and individualism .....10%</li><li>2. Texture and substance .....10%</li><li>3. Color .....10%</li><li>4. Distinction of form .....10%</li><li>5. Open period and extended bloom .....10%</li></ol>
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<b>III - Scape:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Branching .....10%</li><li>2. Strength (Either upright or arching in pleasing manner) .....10%</li></ol> <p>Total .....100%</p>
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In the Newsletter, the value of keeping a good notebook has often been stressed and it is again urged that all those who are really interested in developing and keeping their gardens pleasing to discerning eyes to keep such a book and when visiting gardens during the season of bloom of the daylily to point score the cultivars they think they might enjoy growing, so when it comes time to replace that prized possession of ancient vintage they will be able to replace it with a certainty of having selected a plant with "The Qualities of a Good Daylily."

MEDITATION - "I shall pass through this world but once, therefore if there be any kindness that I can show, or good deeds that I can do, let me do them now. Let me not defer or neglect them for I shall not pass this way again." - Cecil Brown in Oklahoma Mason

A LONG TIME AGO, "Aid To Education" meant Pop was helping Junior with his homework.

## LONG BLOOM SEASON CHECKED BY. DALLAS GROWER

In telephone visiting with Hemerocallis growers this past Summer and Fall interest in mid-season, late mid-season, and Fall bloomers has been evident. This is not a report of a comprehensive survey but gleanings from a few members of our local group, in most cases casual jottings for comparison with my own yard.

August and September bloomers: ANNIE WELCH, ATTACK, ATTICA, BELOVED COUNTRY, BETTY TERRY, BEVERLY SUE, BITSY, BLACK SIREN, BLONDE GODDESS, BLUETTE, BODACIOUS, CARRY BACK, CARTWHEELS, CHAPEL BELLS, CITATION, DANCING TIGER, DAN RIVER, DROPS OF GOLD, GOLDEN TIARA, GRAPE FESTIVAL, HAPPY SUNSHINE, HIGH KEY, ILLINOIS, JON ERIC FRINK, LITTLE STINKER, MCGHEE GOLD, PATSY RUTH, PECOS, PINE TREE, PRESIDENT RICE, ROSA ROSE, SALMON SEERSUCKER, SCRUMPTIOUS, SHEER MAGIC, SIGNET, SOLEIL D'OR, SWEET AND LOW, WIDEYED, and PINK FLUFF.

Early October: ALAN, ASTRONAUT GLEN, AUGUST PINK, BESSIE BELLE COOPER, BITSY, BUDDY, CHERRY CHIMES, CHRIS RITCHEY, CITATION, CRADLE SONG, DIADEM, FRANCES FAY, HEAVENLY HAVILAND, JON ERIC FRINK, NELL LATHAM, PATSY RUTH, PILLOW TALK, POTENTATE, RASPBERRY RAPTURE, SALMON SHEEN, SIGNET, and SOONER GOLD.

These lists do not include the two varieties producing the longest continuous bloom periods from seven to nine weeks in my yard, both last year and this year, but just missed the August deadline. They are FASHION PLATE and SOFT MUSIC. - Mrs. Arthur Trott

## VARIETAL COMMENTS FROM DEEP SOUTH TEXAS BY NEDRA WEST

Daylilies that I like very much from Texas hybridizers growing in my garden are: MISS KATE (Williamson), unusual lavender-purple; RINGO (Lankart), low growing yellow with maroon eye; LADY LUCY (Williamson), lavender with purple eye; PENNY PECKENPAUGH (Ridenour), large wide-petaled yellow; RUTHIE (Williamson), small flowered pink with darker eyezone; and WHITE LIGHTNING (Barnhill), large wide-petaled pale yellow.

Other daylilies that are good here: EDNA SPALDING, PINK FLUFF, LAVENDER FLIGHT (all Spalding's); VIOLA PARKER (MacMillan), rose-pink; MARY MAE SIMON, pale yellow and pink blend and C. T. TANNER, light yellow with lots of green; Mrs. Howell's CAROL DEAN, rose red, and SUSAN REBECCA, large melon ruffled, are both beautiful. MODERN CLASSIC (Wild) is a huge, unusual melon and seems to like our climate.

Another daylily from a Texas hybridizer that I enjoyed last season was CURTIS COMPTON (Wheeler), large wide-petaled cream with good substance. RASPBERRY FRILLS and PATSY RUTH (both Williamson's) are always eye-catchers. - Mrs. Frank West, Riviera

I LIKED the last Newsletter...enjoyed it very much. The pictures add much interest and I hope we have more. I've had "flats" of seeds with a very poor percentage of germination. Same soil, same conditions, etc., as flats that have 60 to 90% germination. I thought it might be some seeds that hadn't been refrigerated or only for a few days. I have observed much higher percentage of germination after several weeks of refrigeration. - Carl Sauer, Houston

REGRETFULLY we must report the sudden death of Mr. W. B. Fullen, of Beaumont. Mrs. Fullen had only recently returned to her home from participating in the chartered bus trip to the National Convention. Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Fullen.